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New Housing Starts Total 96,000 in July; 6-Month Figure Only 4% Below '48 Level

Washington—Over half a million permanent, moderate dwelling units were put under construction during the first 7 months of 1949, according to estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Interim reports on new housing construction indicate a 640,000-unit total for the first 7 months of 1949, which is 4% below the same period of 1948, when the total was 670,000 units.

Homebuilders doubled their output in January and June, as measured by new dwelling units started, but they started an additional 50,000 units in July. Although the performance credit was given to the 4,000 from the June peak, the third quarter's output was 190,000 units, or 10% below the 210,000 units of the same period of 1948.

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Printers Pledge New Fight Against Taft-Hartley Law; Conclude 91st Convention

Oakland, Calif.—The AFL's International Typographical Union refused its strong stand in opposition to the Taft-Hartley law and its amendments in the report of the National Labor Relations Board.

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Ohio AFL Group Plans War On Taft

Columbus, Ohio—The Ohio State Federation of Labor opposed its annual convention held in a note of disapproval by Senator Robert A. Taft in the 1940 election.

Michael J. Lydon, president of the Ohio State Federation of Labor, said he was going to make a speech in the convention hall, which was held in the Ohio Statehouse.

NLRB Holds Union Liable For Back Pay In First Ruling Under Taft-Hartley Law

Washington—Another application of the Taft-Hartley law was highlighted when the National Labor Relations Board ordered a local union to pay back pay to an employee who was laid off during the war.

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British Labor Works Hard; Workweek Longer Than U.S.

London—The British worker in manufacturing industries works a longer week than does the American worker. Statistics of the Ministry of Labor show that the British worker works a longer week than does the American worker.

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Labor Press Group Barred In Congress

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New Jobless Benefit Claims Down 71,000 During Week

Washington—Initial claims filed under state unemployment insurance laws declined by 71,000 during the week ending August 13, 1949.

The decline in initial claims was due to a number of factors, including a decrease in the number of people who were laid off during the week.

Russian Education, Culture Is Shackled To Promote Communist Party Doctrine

The following is the second of a series of articles on the general topic, "The Soviet System of Education," written for and distributed by the Workers Education Bureau of America.

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U. S. Public Housing Plan Underway; City Projects For 31,000 Units Oct '49

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Harvey Brown Gets German Labor Post

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Circuit Court Gives Labor Dept. Right To Sue For Wages On Behalf of Workers

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WILLIAM GREEN, President

Ass't Sec'y Kaiser To Guide World Labor Affairs Office

As We See It

The following is excerpted from interviews by AFL Publishing Director Philip Ford with Representative James J. Flinn of Wisconsin and Nelson H. Grantham, Director of Social Insurance Administration for the AFL, on the question of the welfare state. The interview was conducted on the AFL's "As We See It" radio program, heard each Tuesday evening at 10:30 p.m. EDT, over the American Broadcasting Company network.

INTRODUCTION—We suppose to get down to cases on what is rapidly becoming the huge political issue of our country and our times; namely, the issue of the welfare state.

On the one hand, we have the Taft-Hartley school of thought which warns the American people that "there is no such thing as a free lunch, and no such thing as a free ride." On the other hand we have the Roosevelt school of thought which warns the American people that "there is no such thing as a free lunch, and no such thing as a free ride."

QUESTION—Congressman Flinn, do you see anything new, revolutionary, or dangerous in the welfare state?

HEIMLICH—I do not see anything dangerous or revolutionary in the welfare state. I see a new way of life, a new way of thinking, a new way of living. The welfare state is a new way of life, a new way of thinking, a new way of living. It is a new way of life, a new way of thinking, a new way of living.

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Green Pledges 'Al-Out' Fight To Whip Ohio's Taft in 1950

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